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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 22 September 1969

DD/I reported that as yet no NSC meetings are scheduled for this week but pointed out that two Review Groups are on the calendar during this period.

*The Director observed that the verification meeting scheduled for today has been canceled and reset for 26 September at 1430. He asked the DDCI and DD/S&T to get on his calendar in preparation for this meeting.

DD/I noted that Mort Halperin is being replaced or reassigned and explained Halperin's executive secretary-type responsibilities connected with Review Group meetings.

Godfrey reported completion of a memorandum on [redacted] [redacted] He added that Ambassador [redacted] called on Friday expressing an interest in this general topic and that OCI therefore accelerated completion of the memorandum. In response to Godfrey's question the Director concurred in limiting distribution of the memorandum to essentially Black Book recipients.

D/ONE reported that, in response to a request from State, they are undertaking a SNIE on Nigeria.

Carver related that the 19 September Sullivan Group meeting was largely devoted to attempts to focus on what is expected of the recently established Vietnam Review Group.

Carver mentioned that he will be seeing Secretary Laird today and added that General Westmoreland will be briefed here in the building this afternoon.

Maury reported that he and DC/FE briefed Senator Stennis on Laos, the impact of the Cultural Revolution on China, and other FE matters. He mentioned that the briefing went well.

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*Maury related that he saw Pincus and Paul last Friday and that it is clear they view the hearings of the Symington Ad Hoc Subcommittee on U. S. Agreements and Commitments Abroad as a major production. DD/P related that, according to a Memorandum of Conversation between Ambassador Robert McClintock, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Politico-Military Affairs, and Senator Symington, it appears Ambassador McClintock has some responsibility for coordinating inter-agency testimony. Maury added that it is his understanding Ken BeLieu has this role. The Director indicated that we should stay in step with this effort, deferring until later a precise decision on what our input to the testimony should be. He asked to see Maury on this matter. Bross noted that according to Admiral Gaylor the Symington Subcommittee has agreed that it will not require advance written submissions.

Maury mentioned that Senator Stennis was somewhat apologetic for not having had a recent Subcommittee meeting.

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Executive Director related that another running of Project [REDACTED] commences today and that various Deputies and offices will be involved throughout the week.

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The Director generally described the topics which might be covered during today's luncheon meeting with Under Secretary Elliot Richardson.

*The Director mentioned that Walter Scott's Personality Parade of 21 September had been called to his attention. He asked Goodwin to draft a letter of response for Goodwin's possible signature reacting to the Question pertaining to CIA liquidation/Vietnam and the Answer.

*Goodwin reported that State referred Soviet specialist [REDACTED] to him as a person who might provide background information

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